

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and de facto bias in news coverage that accompanies such consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. As Americans, we smugly look down at "state owned media" in other countries, but are we really any different? Where was the outcry at how protesters were herded like cattle into holding pens at the Republican Convention. The FCC should be very concerned about the erosion of unbiased news that is available to the public...such media control is the foundation upon which democracy can be lost. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.